

Social Security Program

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Nationally, in December 2001 benefits were paid to 45,874,040 persons. This number included 28,841,850 retired workers, 5,024,520 widows and widowers, 5,265,190 disabled workers, 2,895,150 wives and husbands, and 3,847,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.2 percent of the population 65 or older.

Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **Alabama**, benefits were paid to 841,730 persons. This number included 465,860 retired workers; 103,210 widows and widowers; 129,880 disabled workers; 51,080 wives and husbands; and 91,700 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.8 percent of the total population of the state and 92.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Alabama received an average of \$827 per month; widows and widowers, \$743; disabled workers, \$784; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$411. Average payments for children were: \$398 for children of retired workers; \$541 for children of deceased workers; and \$230 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$621 million. Of this amount, \$409 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$99 million to survivors; and \$112 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Alabama**, 161,521 persons—24,500 aged, and 137,021 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 42,622 recipients were aged 65 or older, 93,614 between 18 and 64, and 25,285 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$62 million. The average federal payment was \$343 overall, \$170 for aged recipients, and \$374 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 672 persons in Alabama received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$37,000.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Alabama receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 934,164.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Alabama** in 1999, an estimated 2.31 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$50.34 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.24 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Alabama** in 1999, an estimated 2.33 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$56.22 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.63 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Florida**, benefits were paid to 3,235,390 persons. This number included 2,193,890 retired workers; 306,820 widows and widowers; 321,540 disabled workers; 190,710 wives and husbands; and 222,430 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 19.8 percent of the total population of the state and 85.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Florida received an average of \$870 per month; widows and widowers, \$846; disabled workers, \$818; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$439. Average payments for children were: \$405 for children of retired workers; \$558 for children of deceased workers; and \$242 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$2.6 billion. Of this amount, \$2.0 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$319 million to survivors; and \$286 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Florida**, 386,334 persons—93,118 aged, and 293,216 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 132,438 recipients were aged 65 or older, 184,830 between 18 and 64, and 69,066 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$153.4 million. The average federal payment was \$367 overall, \$295 for aged recipients, and \$390 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 15,279 persons in Florida received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$931,000.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Florida receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 3,488,462.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Florida** in 1999, an estimated 8.21 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$183.29 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$22.73 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Florida** in 1999, an estimated 8.28 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$217.20 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.30 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Georgia**, benefits were paid to 1,125,190 persons. This number included 661,970 retired workers; 122,360 widows and widowers; 164,730 disabled workers; 57,190 wives and husbands; and 118,940 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 13.4 percent of the total population of the state and 91.4 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Georgia received an average of \$844 per month; widows and widowers, \$752; disabled workers, \$794; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$425. Average payments for children were: \$420 for children of retired workers; \$547 for children of deceased workers; and \$241 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$855 million. Of this amount, \$586 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$126 million to survivors; and \$143 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Georgia**, 198,063 persons—32,433 aged, and 165,630 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 57,146 recipients were aged 65 or older, 112,291 between 18 and 64, and 28,626 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$73.6 million, of which all but \$1,129 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$338 overall, \$192 for aged recipients, and \$367 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Georgia receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,242,498.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Georgia** in 1999, an estimated 4.36 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$106.01 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$13.15 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Georgia** in 1999, an estimated 4.45 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$128.93 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.74 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Kentucky**, benefits were paid to 746,330 persons. This number included 389,330 retired workers; 96,520 widows and widowers; 130,230 disabled workers; 53,380 wives and husbands; and 76,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.4 percent of the total population of the state and 92.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Kentucky received an average of \$821 per month; widows and widowers, \$738; disabled workers, \$805; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$390. Average payments for children were: \$384 for children of retired workers; \$546 for children of deceased workers; and \$235 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$545 million. Of this amount, \$342 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$88 million to survivors; and \$115 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In **Kentucky**, 175,925 persons—17,700 aged, and 158,225 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 36,633 recipients were aged 65 or older, 115,721 between 18 and 64, and 23,571 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$68.5 million. The average federal payment was \$364 overall, \$178 for aged recipients, and \$385 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 4,742 persons in Kentucky received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$1.5 million.

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In **Kentucky** in 1999, an estimated 2.09 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$44.60 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.53 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Mississippi, benefits were paid to 523,460 persons. This number included 275,660 retired workers; 60,430 widows and widowers; 90,150 disabled workers; 26,830 wives and husbands; and 70,390 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.2 percent of the total population of the state and 91.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Mississippi received an average of \$792 per month; widows and widowers, \$690; disabled workers, \$759; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$381. Average payments for children were: \$370 for children of retired workers; \$508 for children of deceased workers; and \$215 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$364 million. Of this amount, \$231 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$58 million to survivors; and \$76 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Mississippi**, 128,449 persons—20,739 aged, and 107,710 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 37,420 recipients were aged 65 or older, 71,428 between 18 and 64, and 19,601 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$46.5 million, of which all but \$968 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$336 overall, \$166 for aged recipients, and \$370 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Mississippi receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 595,560.

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In **Mississippi** in 1999, an estimated 1.44 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$28.64 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.55 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Mississippi** in 1999, an estimated 1.45 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$30.66 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$889 million in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In North Carolina, benefits were paid to 1,373,880 persons. This number included 853,740 retired workers; 134,940 widows and widowers; 200,240 disabled workers; 62,290 wives and husbands; and 122,670 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.8 percent of the total population of the state and 94.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in North Carolina received an average of \$846 per month; widows and widowers, \$748; disabled workers, \$789; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$425. Average payments for children were: \$428 for children of retired workers; \$551 for children of deceased workers; and \$242 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$1.1 billion. Of this amount, \$752 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$133 million to survivors; and \$172 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **North Carolina**, 191,630 persons—31,916 aged, and 159,714 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 56,112 recipients were aged 65 or older, 105,188 between 18 and 64, and 30,330 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$68.1 million. The average federal payment was \$326 overall, \$176 for aged recipients, and \$356 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 23,691 persons in North Carolina received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$11.7 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in North Carolina receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,479,674.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 151.4 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI) program. They earned \$3.7 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$464 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI Trust Funds.

In **North Carolina** in 1999, an estimated 4.46 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$104.47 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$12.95 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **North Carolina** in 1999, an estimated 4.49 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$118.65 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.44 billion in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **South Carolina**, benefits were paid to 703,930 persons. This number included 421,330 retired workers; 70,860 widows and widowers; 107,120 disabled workers; 32,540 wives and husbands; and 72,080 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.3 percent of the total population of the state and 92.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in South Carolina received an average of \$844 per month; widows and widowers, \$740; disabled workers, \$803; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$428. Average payments for children were: \$424 for children of retired workers; \$540 for children of deceased workers; and \$240 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$537 million. Of this amount, \$372 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$72 million to survivors; and \$94 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **South Carolina**, 106,881 persons—15,949 aged, and 90,932 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 29,248 recipients were aged 65 or older, 60,410 between 18 and 64, and 17,223 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$39.3 million. The average federal payment was \$339 overall, \$177 for aged recipients, and \$367 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 3,483 persons in South Carolina received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$1.0 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in South Carolina receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 766,348.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 151.4 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI) program. They earned \$3.7 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$464 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI Trust Funds.

In **South Carolina** in 1999, an estimated 2.17 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$48.11 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.97 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 154.7 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance or HI) program. They earned \$4.6 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$134 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI Trust Fund.

In **South Carolina** in 1999, an estimated 2.18 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$53.06 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.54 billion in Medicare taxes.



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Nationally, in December 2001 benefits were paid to 45,874,040 persons. This number included 28,841,850 retired workers, 5,024,520 widows and widowers, 5,265,190 disabled workers, 2,895,150 wives and husbands, and 3,847,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.2 percent of the population 65 or older.

Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In Tennessee, benefits were paid to 1,010,900 persons. This number included 588,420 retired workers; 117,210 widows and widowers; 148,610 disabled workers; 59,800 wives and husbands; and 96,860 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.5 percent of the total population of the state and 93.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Tennessee received an average of \$842 per month; widows and widowers, \$760; disabled workers, \$783; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$420. Average payments for children were: \$410 for children of retired workers; \$540 for children of deceased workers; and \$235 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$765 million. Of this amount, \$523 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$115 million to survivors; and \$127 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Tennessee**, 162,920 persons—21,487 aged, and 141,433 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 41,421 recipients were aged 65 or older, 100,266 between 18 and 64, and 21,233 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$61 million, of which all but \$573 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$347 overall, \$173 for aged recipients, and \$373 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Tennessee receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,107,784.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Tennessee** in 1999, an estimated 3.16 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$71.37 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$8.85 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Tennessee** in 1999, an estimated 3.19 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$83.09 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.41 billion in Medicare taxes.



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